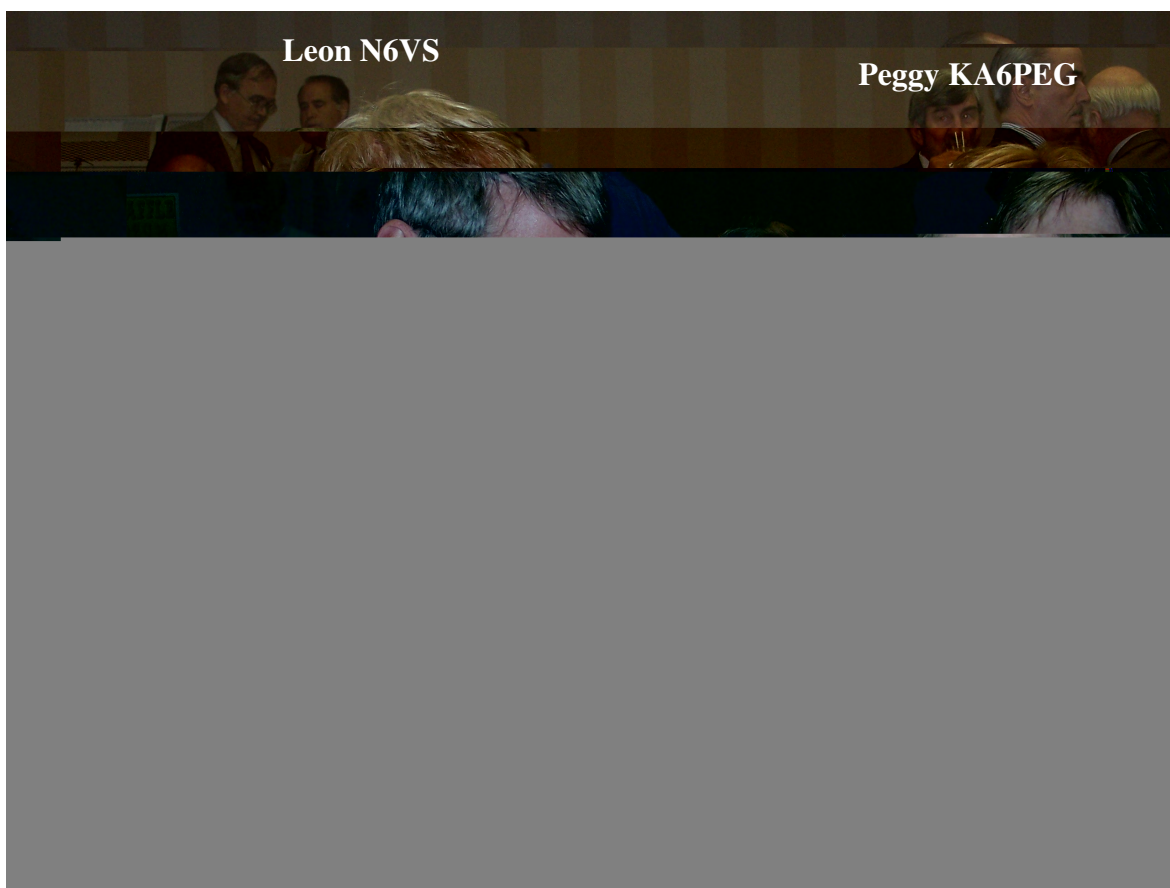


SAN DIEGO DX CLUB  
**BULLETIN**



April 2009

Visalia.....



A Place For Fun



Join us at  
**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**  
April 22, 2009  
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M  
Program: Wild Bill WB6BFG on Honduras



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## From the Prez.....

Glenn Rattmann K6NA



Gang,

### Cycle 24

#### Propagation

I think I'll give up on the Cycle 23/24 nomenclature, and just say: There is still plenty of DX to work, in spite of what "the numbers" suggest. Even with flux around 69-71, it's amazing what we can work. The key is to spend time during the grayline periods, and concentrate on the bands 160-20m. Even QSOs with India, one of our most difficult paths, can be had now and then. The higher bands are problematic, with MUF seemingly topping out around 18 MHz on most days. Many of the DXpeditions are workable on 18 and yet I often don't hear them on 21 where I have much better antennas.

#### 40m Broadcast

Most of you know that "foreign broadcast" (commercial or political) stations were ordered out of the 7.1-7.2 segment as of late March. I monitored the band a bit as the deadline passed, and it was interesting to be able to work JA stations on my own frequency as they came into the segment at 1500z on the 29th. Many of the BC stations indeed were gone, but quite a few remained—and are still there. The main problem area is Asia. Believe it or not, 'sunspots' are the culprit! These remaining stations have announced they will remain in the 40m segment until high-band conditions improve, at which time they will move to the 12 MHz BC band. There is more information, and a list of remaining stations, on a DARC website. You can paste the German text into your Google translator. Check out: <http://www.iarums-r1.org/bandwacht/7100bc.pdf>

#### VK9 Onslaught!

Over the past month we've been able to work Cocos-Keeling, Lord Howe, and Mellish Reef. I even managed a QSO with G3MXJ during his nine-hour stopover on Norfolk Island. The Mellish operation was CW only and easy to work. I hope you all snagged some VK9 QSOs lately!

#### Tower Ordinance Issue

Recently I met with Larry, Howard, and our lawyer to go over the status and create the next submittal to the City Planner; our comments to the Planner regarding the City's latest 'suggestions' and the draft of our 'suggested ordinance' are being edited now and will be submitted about mid-April.

Hope to see many of the gang at Visalia, and at our April meeting.

Glenn K6NA

### San Diego DX Club Policy

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#### DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

**Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Leon Helms N6VS



### Treasurers Report:

Balance as of February 29, 2009: \$6107.79

#### Income:

2009 membership renewals 180.00

Contributions to legal fund 1800.00

#### Expenses:

Phase II Lawyer Bill 5000.00

Out of town speakers dinner. 16.15

Balance as of February 27, 2009 3051.64

Petty Cash on Hand 20.00

Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$3071.64

As of March 13, the 2009 dues delinquent are:

K6AIL, WH6ASW, N6AW, WA4CHI, W6CN, N6CW, K6DLV, K6GO, K6JL, W6KUT, KB5MY, K6MY, W6NOW, N0RR, W6TUR, NF6V, NG6Z, WA9ZWL.

We have 65 current members plus 18 inactive because of delinquent dues. Tony KG6SXY has decided to let his membership lapse. Bob AK6R has renewed after an absence of several years.

Invoices are being mailed to the delinquent members before Visalia.

## MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. Our vice President Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 38 members and guests present.

The evenings program, the K7C Kure Island dxpedition, presented by Arnie N6HC, was scheduled first in order to allow him and his posse to get started on their return trip.

The Treasurer, Leon N6VS stated that the \$5000 lawyers bill for phase II has been received for a total of \$6000. The total donations received are \$3000.

The DX Roundtable was lively and interesting as usual with a number of subjects discussed concerning antennas, propagation, contests, and the like.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

## FCC Denies Michigan Ham's Request for Ruling

In October 2007, Christopher Kaczmarek, KB8MLC, of Saginaw, Michigan, petitioned the FCC for a ruling regarding the installation of his Amateur Radio antenna. Kaczmarek told the FCC that he received a notice from the manager of his mobile home community stating the antennas were not allowed and asked for "a ruling from the Commission recognizing [his] right to an Amateur Radio antenna structure." On April 6, 2009, the [FCC denied Kaczmarek's request](#) for a ruling in his favor, based on the fact that PRB-1 protections do not extend to private homeowner's agreements.

The Commission agreed with Kaczmarek that Section 97.15 of the Commission's Rules provides that "state and local regulation of antenna structures must not preclude amateur service communications, must reasonably accommodate such communications, and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to achieve the state or local authority's legitimate purpose." In its letter to Kaczmarek, the FCC pointed out that it has not, however, extended this policy to regulations promulgated by private parties.

Saying that it has considered this same question twice before, the FCC told Kaczmarek that it "chose not to preempt private land use regulations that restrict the installation of antennas and associated support structures used by Amateur Radio stations. As agreements between private parties are voluntarily established and freely entered into, the Commission is hesitant to interfere with them unless it is shown that private agreements will seriously disrupt the federal regulatory scheme."

More Fun.....



At Visalia!!

**April fools article NOT funny! A lot of damage could have been done!!**

### **California County Says "Ham Radio Operators Remain Active and Appreciated"**

(taken from the ARRL web pages)

"The [California county of San Luis Obispo](#) was notified by the Federal Communications Commission Wednesday, April 8 of a rumor on an Internet group site stating that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance on March 31 which would ban Amateur Radio operators -- commonly known as ham radio operators -- from operating their transmitting stations. The rumor is posted as an alleged news story from a non-existent Los Angeles news publisher. The story alleges that the purpose of this false action by the Board was due to supposed interference caused by ham radio transmitters, among other reasons. The article has an online posting date of April 1, 2009.

"The FCC has reported they have had a few calls inquiring about the posting, which is on a Google Groups page.

"Not only is this online fabricated story not true, but SLO County government, incorporated cities within the county and other entities work hand-in-hand with Amateur Radio operators who provide alternate and back-up communications in case of unique emergencies or disasters. In fact, the County signs ham radio operators up as Disaster Service Workers to assist in times of need. Their assistance is absolutely appreciated and the radio operators who work with the County -- primarily through a ham group called the [San Luis Obispo County Emergency Communications Council](#) -- are each valued and considered an integral part of countywide emergency response organizations. Their emergency support efforts are coordinated through the County's Information Technology Department.

"The ham radio operators have radio communications set up, or wired to be set up quickly, in city Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), the County EOC and other emergency and disaster coordination sites throughout the area.

"The reason we are sending this news release is due to the fact that the FCC has reported they have received inquiries, and the ham radio operators who assist local agencies with drills, exercises and in actual times of emergency are indeed important and valued. The formal title of the ham group -- actually, plural since in our county two entities operate as one: Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (ARES/RACES). As noted in the article, they in turn coordinate through their San Luis Obispo County Emergency Communications Council." -- *Information [provided](#) by San Luis Obispo County Office of Emergency Services*

## **Club Checkpoints, DX Awards**

As a service to members, helping to avoid having to send your valuable QSL cards away for checking, some of our own members have been appointed Local Checkpoints, and are available to verify your cards for major DXing awards. This is available for non-DX Club members, too, of course, so tell your friends. Our appointed members are:

For ARRL DXCC - Harry, W6YOO and Pat, WA6MHZ  
For CQ Magazine WAZ, CQ DX, and WPX Awards - Glenn, K6NA

Please review the submittal information, and how to get forms and update your records, on the appropriate website prior to asking for local card checks.

# DX Is!!

## **This space for you!!**

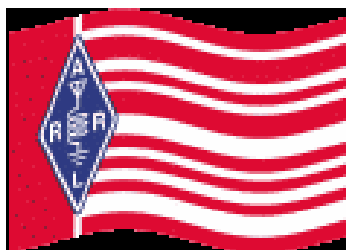
Have something you would like to see in the DX Bulletin? Send it to Tuck and if space permits, it could be put in. *[Ham related please.](#)*

## **FACEBOOK**

Are you a member of Face Book? If so, you are invited to join the San Diego DX Club Facebook group. You can find it at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=53593010291>

Not a member yet, just go to facebook.com and join in.



What message is this flag conveying?

*Both Mike N6IEF and John, WA6L had the correct answer: QST!!*